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For: SYSTEMS, METHODS, AND
APPARATUS FOR MONITORING
A CONTAINER ASSOCIATED
WITH AN ITEM

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) Group Art Unit: 2632
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) Examiner: Nguyen, Phung
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) **AMENDMENT and RESPONSE** to May
) 5, 2004 Non-Final Office Action
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) **IBM Docket No.: YOR920010483US1**
) (Attorney Docket No.: I01.060)
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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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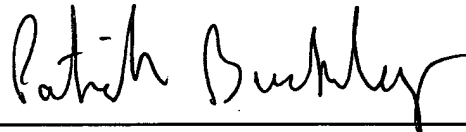
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